(ग) जी, हां। मैसर्स सांभर साल्ट लिमिटेड द्वारा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अर्जित किया गया लाभ निम्नानुसार है:-

(लाख रुपये में)

1995-96	45.81
1996-97	17.32
1997-98	14.50

(घ) और (ङ) राजस्थान सरकार ने भारत सरकार से सांभर साल्ट लिमिटेड को राजस्थान सरकार को हस्तान्तरित करने का अनुरोध किया था। अनुरोध को स्वीकार नहीं किया गया, चूंकि, यह महसूस किया गया था कि हस्तान्तरण कंपनी के संपूर्ण हित में नहीं होगा।

(च) जी, हां।

Recommendations of Abid Hussain Committee in SSIs

481. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee on small scale sector industries; and

(b) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House, giving main recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee and Government's reaction thereon.

Statement

Expert Committee on Small Enterprise

(Abid Hussain Committee)

Main Recommendations/Government's Reaction

RECOMMENDATION	GOVERNMENT'S REACTION
1. A separate law should be enacted for small enterprises. The bjective of the law would be to define the small enterprise sector and outline the broad frame work for the promotion of the sector.	The Government has no objection. However, it requires wide consultation with all concerned, *viz.* State Governments, Associations, etc. to clearly identify the areas which requjre such legislation.
2. The Limited Partnership Act should be enacted as soon as possible.	The recommendation is accepted.
3. Urgent action be taken to amend or repeal laws that are barrier to the technological progress and threshold level for the application of labour laws should be raised to the units having 50/100 workers with/ without power.	The existing provisions of labour and other related Laws would be listed out and examined in detail.
4. The concept of small sector be widened to include small Scale business and service enterprises.	In view of the inadequacy of the credit, the widening of the sector is not desirable. However, business and service related small scale enterprise having an investment upto the increased limit for tiny unit (Rs. 25 lakhs) could be included within the small sector, as being done up to Rs. 5 lakhs of investment at present.
5. The investment limit for SSE be enhanced to Rs. 3 crores and for tiny units to Rs. 25 lakhs.	Agreed and action already taken, however the investment limit is now under review.

RECOMMENDATION	GOVERNMENT'S REACTION
6. Corporation of Government Extension Agencies so that they specialise in few activities to develop their competitiveness. Encourage public-private partnership among the enterprises in setting up support systems for small scale enterprises.	Blanket corporatisation not feasible. More than 20 agencies of SIDO given autonomous society structure. The Govt. would also provide all encouragement and support for any initiative taken by industry associations in this regard. Schemes being implemented by the Department, SIDO and NSIC would be restructured to promote public-private partnership in setting up of support systems, particularly in technology development, extension and training centres, etc.
7. A flexible broad based district enterprise promotion agency (DEPA) be set up to replace DICs.	Not feasible at present.
8. Clusters should become the unit/focus of Govt. support programmes. The institutional mechanism and the assistance measures should revolve round the clusters.	Accepted. Attention will be given in providing assistance for improving infrastructure and other facilities in close interaction with the cluster associations.
9. 70 per cent of priority sector allocated to small scale sector should be earmarked for tiny sector.	Accepted with some modification. 60 percent of priority sector lending allocated to the small scale sector would be going to tiny units. Units up to five lakhs of investment will get 40% and new segment of tiny units between Rs. 5 lakhs and Rs. 25 lakhs of investment will get 20%.
10. Revitalise the State Financial Corporation (SFCs) and Small Industries Development Corporations by IDBI in association with SIDBI.	The suggestion has been accepted. The amendment of the SFC Act to be considered by the Min. of Finance.
11. Fiscal concessions for units manufacturing reserved items as a transitional measure for a period of five years by granting full exemption upto a turnover of Rs. 50 lakhs, etc.	Accepted in principal and to be taken up for detailed examination as a part of Union Budget exercise.
12. Providing assistance at confessional rate of interest for technology development and modernisation by SSI.	TDMF scheme of SIDBI already been modified.
13. Nayak Committee recommendation on credit to SSIs endorsed for full implementation by RBI, particular stress on making available 20% of annual turnover as working capital, along with other recommendations for improving credit supply endorsed.	This has already been accepted. Govt. will make all possible efforts to make available credit to SSI. RBI and Department of Banking requested to set up a credit monitoring agency and publish reports on credit flows to the SSI, at least once a year.
Reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector be abolished.	Not accepted.